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WHITEHOUSE PASS NSC FOR S. RICE AND D.STEINBERG; JOINT STAFF FOR CHAIRMAN, DIR JS, J3; SECDEF FOR OSD/ISA

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SUBJECT: RWANDA: BOTH SIDES NOT COOPERATING IN

EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS

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- 1. LOU ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. UN DPKO AFRICA DIRECTOR ANNABI INFORMED USUN POLOFF MAY 18 THAT NEITHER THE RPF NOR THE GOR FORCES WERE COOPERATING WITH THE EVACUATION OF TRAPPED CIVILIANS. CONTRARY TO GOR STATEMENTS QUOTED REFTEL, THE GOR HAS NOT RPT NOT INFORMED THE UN THAT IT ACCEPTS THE NEED FOR EVACUATION OF TRAPPED CIVILIANS. RADIO MILLES COLLINES HAS CONTINUED BELLIGERANT BROADCASTS, ACCORDING TO ANNABI, SAYING THAT TUTSI ORPHANS CAN BE EVACUATED ONLY AFTER HUTU ORPHANS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED, AND THAT THEY MUST DETERMINE WHO AMONG THE PEOPLE AT HOTEL MILLES COLLINES ARE RPF SYMPATHIZERS, BECAUSE THOSE SYMPATHIZERS WILL NEVER BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE. GEN. DALLAIRE HAD WORKED OUT AN EVACUATION PLAN TO RESCUE 105 ORPHANS. HOWEVER, BOTH SIDES FAILED TO CARRY OUT THEIR AGREED ROLES, AND ONE HOUR BEFORE THE EVACUATION WAS TO BEGIN THE PROJECT FELL THROUGH.

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- USUN N 02108 190003Z PAGE 03 3. ANNABI WAS ALSO ALARMED THAT THE RPF WAS BEGINNING TO BE UNCOOPERATIVE, NOT ONLY ON THE ISSUE OF EVACUATIONS, BUT IN GENERAL. THE RPF ISSUED A STATEMENT 1 AM MAY 17,, DURING THE SC DEBATE ON RWANDA, ANNOUNCING THAT THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT AN SC RESOLUTION VOTED ON BY THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT, AND WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH ANY UN MISSION UNTIL THE WITHDRAWAL OF SRSG BOOH-BOOH (REF B). SINCE THEN, THE RPF HAS RESTRICTED THE ACCESS AND MOVEMENTS OF UNAMIR PERSONNEL, AND HAS WARNED UNAMIR IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS FOR THEM TO FLY HELICOPTERS OVER RPF-HELD TERRITORY. GEN. DALLAIRE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT GEN. KAGAME HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE TO SPEAK WITH HIM ON THE PHONE, ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN IN DAILY TOUCH WITH KAGAME PREVIOUSLY. THE UN SECRETARIAT WOULD LIKE THE USG TO URGE THE RPF TO COOPERATE.
- 4. POLOFF RELAYED THE MESSAGE IN REF A TO ANNABI, AND WILL MAKE A HIGHER LEVEL DEMARCHE SHORTLY. ANNABI CONFIRMED THAT GEN. DALLAIRE HAS BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY TO REFINE HIS PLANS FOR EVACUATING THE CIVILIANS AND TO OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARIAT HAS NOT TRIED TO "MICRO-MANAGE" THE FLUID DETAILS OF THE FORCE COMMANDER'S ON-THE-GROUND PLANS, WHICH NEED TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE TO SUIT THE CHANGING

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CIRCUMSTANCES. IN FACT, DPKO PREFERS NOT TO KNOW TOO MANY SECRET DETAILS OF A HIGHLY-SENSITIVE MILITARY OPERATION SUCH AS THIS.
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